

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2010

492R0738

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Jerstad, Adelstein, Ahlers, Bartling, Brown, Garnos, Gillespie, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Kloucek, Maher, Merchant, Miles, Nesselhuf, Olson (Russell), Peterson, and Turbak Berry and Representatives Nygaard, Blake, Bolin, Boomgarden, Burg, Carson, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen, Juhnke, Killer, Kirschman, Kopp, Krebs, Noem, Olson (Betty), Peters, Putnam, Schlekeway, Sly, Sorenson, Steele, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Van Gerpen, Vanderlinde, Vanneman, Verchio, Wink, and Wismer

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for the public awareness of multiple
2 sclerosis and recognizing MS Awareness Week as March 8-14, 2010.

3 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous
4 system in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

5 WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a
6 disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career, and unravel the fabric of
7 families; and

8 WHEREAS, last year in South Dakota more than \$539,000 was raised to find a cure for
9 multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide
10 range of programs and services to improve the lives of the one thousand three hundred
11 individuals living with multiple sclerosis in our state; and



1 WHEREAS, this investment is paying off in significant advances in treating multiple
2 sclerosis, such as new medications that may reduce or delay future disability for people with
3 multiple sclerosis; and

4 WHEREAS, although research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much
5 remains to be done and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, there are public and private agencies available to serve the constantly changing
8 needs of South Dakotans with multiple sclerosis and their families by extending essential
9 service to all who need them:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-fifth Legislature of
11 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
12 Dakota Legislature expresses support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis and joins
13 in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis.